

REMARKS

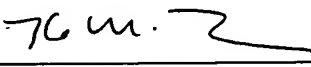
Pursuant to the Examiner's Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 15, 48, and 55 for grammatical consistency (Claims 1, 15, and 48) and/or correct claim dependency (Claims 48 and 55).

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date: January 6, 2006

By: 
Kirk M. Nuzum
Registration No. 38,983

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(650) 622-2300